SIP To Host Annual Fundraiser For Igoma

Stouffville Igoma Partnership (SIP) will host its sixth annual dinner and silent auction on Friday. Oct. 15th at EastRidge Church

The partnership was officially launched in December 2003, but its roots go back to 1998, when a team from several churches in Whitchurch Stouffville went to Igoma in Tanzania to build the Urafiki Health Centre for the 42,000 residents of the impoverished community. Lack of operating funds delayed its launch until the summer of 2003, when another local team went back to refurbish

On their return, team members asked the town to create a partnership with the Tanzanian community. They received unanimous approval, and SIP was born.

In addition to funding medical supplies, equipment purchases, a clinic expansion and provision of mother/child infant care services, SIP has also installed a water purification system and wireless internet services at the centre. SIP supports a secondary school program and vocational training for young adults, and distributes mosquito nets to Igoma residents.

Tickets for the dinner and auction, which is SIP's major annual fundraiser, are available from Barthau Jewellers and Candlelight & Memories on Main Street. They will also be on sale every Sunday at EastRidge Church on 10th Line. The silent auction includes many wonderful items to suit all tastes and price ranges.



Young residents of Igoma, Tanzania, have benefitted enormously from the work of the Stouffville Igoma Partnership. SIP is holding its annual fundraiser Oct. 15 at EastRidge Church, and everyone is welcome to attend and support this wonderful cause.



